



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tommie L. Rogers

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EXAMINER: James G. Smith

FOR: Tong Assembly

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 29, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of April 29, 2005. A shortened statutory period for response expired three months from the date of said Office Action, on July 29, 2005. This response is made October 31, 2005 by the Certificate of Mailing procedure provided for in Rule 1.8 (October 29, 2005 falling on a Saturday), and is accompanied by a petition for extension of time for three months. Please amend the application as set forth below.